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DEA MIAMI

SECSTATE WASHDC 6615

COMNAV BASE GTMO

DISTRICT DIRECTOR US CUSTOMS MIAMI

CCGD SEVEN MIAMI FLA

CCGDONE BOSTON MA

CCGD THREE NEW YORK NY

CGC SHERMAN

CGC CHASE

CGC HAMILTON

CGC GALLATIN

CGC MORGANTHAU

CGC ALERT

CGC STEADFAST

CGC COURAGEOUS

CGC DAUNTLESS

CGC DILIGENCE

COGARD AIRSTA MAIMI FLA

COGARD AIRSTA CAPE COD MA

COGARD AIRSTA BROOKLYN NY

COGARD AIRSTA SAVANNAH GA

COMCOGARD GRU MIAMI FLA

COGARD RADSTA MIAMI FLA

COMDT COGARD WASHDC

CCGD EIGHT NEW ORLEANS

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GTMO: PERSONAL TO RADM GHORMLEY  
DEA: HQTS FOR BARTELS (A) DURKIN (EN) (EPD) STRICKLER (EOIL)  
CUSTOMS MIAMI PASS TO CHANNEL CAT

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, PINS, JM-GDS, CASC  
SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP (FINAL) 23 (DEC 2 - DEC 18,  
1974)

I. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

A. OPERATION BUCCANEER TERMINATED ON DECEMBER 14, 1974. ON DEC. 9-11 USG AND GOJ REPRESENTATIVES HELD A SERIES OF EVALUATION MEETINGS ON OPERATION BUCCANEER. ASIDE FROM EVALUATING THE JOINT EFFORT PRODUCTIVE RESULTS WERE OBTAINED THROUGH A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EFFORT TO KEEP JAMAICA FROM BEING A MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF DRUGS TO THE UNITED STATES. KINGSTON LOU 4452 OUTLINED THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS.

II. OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE

A. ON DEC. 4 AMCIT CHERYL RICE ARRIVED AT KINGSTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA LUFTHANSA FROM LIMA AND WAS SEARCHED BY OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO A BUCCANEER AIRPORT UNIT. THE SEARCH OF HER PERSON REVEALED 8.71 POUNDS OF COCAINE.  
B. USG UH-1H TROOP LIFT HELICOPTERS CONTINUED ERADICATION AND SEARCH/DESTROY MISSIONS THRU DEC. 6. THE HELICOPTERS WERE DISMANTLED AND RETURN TO CONUS VIA MAC ON DEC. 18. IT HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE GANJA FIELDS AND THERE IS LITTLE INDICATION THE FIELDS WHICH HAVE BEEN DESTROYED ARE BEING RE-PLANTED. AS REPORTED IN SITREP 21, THERE ARE TEN SEEDLINGS TO THE SQUARE INCH. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD ERADICATION TEAMS (JAMAICAN TROOPS AND US HELICOPTERS AND PILOTS) DESTROYED SEVEN SEED BEDS (EACH 10 FEET X 20 FEET) AND SEVEN ACRES OF GROWING MATURE GANJA.  
C. FROM SEPT. 10 THRU DEC 6 THE FOUR USG HU-1H HELICOPTERS LOGGED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS: 704 HOURS FLOWN; 1,700 LANDINGS; 4,338 JAMAICAN TROOPS TRANSPORTED.  
D. SUMMARY OF ERADICATION AND SEARCH/DESTROY EFFORTS THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTING PERIOD:  
HARVESTED GANJA DESTROYED 300 LBS.  
GANJA ACREAGE DESTROYED 7 ACRES  
GROWING GANJA DESTROYED 5,600 LBS.  
GANJA PLANT SEEDS DESTROYED 7  
TOTAL GANJA DESTROYED THIS PERIOD 5,900 LBS.  
3. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ACCUMULATION OF THE INTERDICTION AND ERADICATION STATISTICS SINCE JUNE 21, 1974 INCLUDING 12,000

LBS. OF HARVESTED GANJA AND 1,500 LBS. OF SEEDS DESTROYED DURING  
SITREP 22 REPORTING PERIOD BUT INADVERTENTLY OMITTED ON THE  
STATISTICS:

GANJA SEIZED/DESTROYED 718,171 LBS.

GANJA SEEDS DESTROYED 8,083 LBS.

COCAINE SEIZED 20 LBS.

AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED 10

BOATS SEIZED/DESTROYED 17

WEAPONS SEIZED 11

MONEY SEIZED (US EQUIVALENT) \$143,320

HASHISH OIL SEIZED 65 LBS.

DEFENDANTS ARRESTED 99

ACRES OF GANJA ERADICATED 521 (RES)

III. AS U.S. AMBASSADOR IN JAMAICA I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO ALL THE AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN OPERATION BUCCANEER CONGRATULATIONS ON  
A JOB WELL DONE. AS THE ABOVE STATISTICS INDICATE, BUCCANEER  
NOT ONLY ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES BUT EXCEEDED THEM MANY TIMES  
OVER. IN ADDITION, IT WAS A NEARLY TROUBLE-FREE OPERATION  
WHICH MUST MAKE IT UNIQUE AMONG EFFORTS OF SIMILAR SIZE AND  
COMPLEXITY. BUCCANEER INVOLVED NUMEROUS U.S. AGENCIES IN  
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND HUNDREDS OF PERSONNEL. THE WELDING  
OF THESE ELEMENTS INTO A HARMONIOUS WHOLE REQUIRED A HIGH DEGREE  
OF COOPERATION AND SINGLEMINDED DEDICATION ON THE PART OF THOSE  
CONCERNED. BUCCANEER WAS ALSO A UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION ARISING AS IT DID FROM A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF JAMAICA FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTROLLING THE NARCOTICS  
TRAFFIC, BUT CLOSELY PARALLELING OUR OWN CONCERNS. THE DRUG  
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION AS THE CHIEF OPERATIONAL AGENCIES ON THE  
U.S. SIDE, BUT ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED CAN TAKE THE GREATEST  
SATISFACTION FROM THE RECORD OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS.  
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